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Expanded Homicide Data Table 8

Murder Victims

by Weapon, 2014–2018

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| Weapons | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total | 12,278 | 13,780 | 15,318 | 15,195 | 14,123 |
| Total firearms: | 7,803 | 9,103 | 10,372 | 11,006 | 10,265 |
| Handguns | 5,342 | 6,176 | 6,762 | 7,051 | 6,603 |
| Rifles | 235 | 215 | 300 | 390 | 297 |
| Shotguns | 238 | 247 | 247 | 264 | 235 |
| Other guns | 88 | 151 | 172 | 180 | 167 |
| Firearms, type not stated | 1,900 | 2,314 | 2,891 | 3,121 | 2,963 |
| Knives or cutting instruments | 1,545 | 1,525 | 1,558 | 1,609 | 1,515 |
| Blunt objects (clubs, hammers, etc.) | 431 | 436 | 464 | 472 | 443 |
| Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) ¹ | 668 | 647 | 664 | 710 | 672 |
| Poison | 9 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 5 |
| Explosives | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Fire | 55 | 63 | 78 | 96 | 72 |
| Narcotics | 70 | 69 | 118 | 110 | 78 |
| Drowning | 12 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| Strangulation | 84 | 96 | 97 | 89 | 70 |
| Asphyxiation | 93 | 105 | 92 | 111 | 90 |
| Other weapons or weapons not stated | 1,502 | 1,715 | 1,853 | 969 | 900 |

¹ Pushed is included in personal weapons.

NOTE: The Uniform Crime Reporting Technical Refresh enables updating of prior years' crime data; therefore, data presented in this table may not match previously published data.

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